

Writing Feedback

DAY 2 | 22nd of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1: First paragraph Strengths: Your introduction clearly states your topic about Japan being your favourite place. You also create anticipation by mentioning you'll explain your reasons in subsequent paragraphs. Weakness: Repetition → You mention "never been to Japan" three times in this short paragraph, which creates redundancy. You also don't incorporate any figurative language or imagery as required by the prompt. Exemplar: *Japan calls to me like a siren song across the ocean, a mysterious land I've yet to explore but one that captures my imagination completely.*

#2: Second paragraph Strengths: You provide specific examples of Japanese food items, showing your knowledge about Japanese cuisine. Your enthusiasm for Japanese food comes through clearly. Weakness: Limited descriptive language → Your paragraph lists food items without using sensory details or figurative language to help readers imagine these foods. Exemplar: *The delicate art of sushi-making entrances me, with its vibrant colours arranged like jewels on pristine plates, and the steaming bowls of ramen that warm both body and soul with their rich, aromatic broths.*

#3: Fourth paragraph Strengths: You include several interesting facts about Japan, demonstrating research and knowledge about the country. Your excitement about these facts is evident. Weakness: Lack of cohesion → The facts are presented as a list rather than being woven together into a cohesive narrative with transitions between ideas. Exemplar: *From the mystical Rabbit Island where fluffy creatures hop freely amongst visitors, to the ancient company that has weathered the storms of centuries, Japan's fascinating contradictions create a tapestry of old and new unlike anywhere else on Earth.*

■ Your piece shows genuine enthusiasm for Japan, which is a great foundation. However, it would benefit greatly from incorporating more sensory details and figurative language as required by the prompt. Currently, your writing presents facts and lists rather than creating vivid imagery that transports the reader to Japan. Also, try to organise your ideas more cohesively within paragraphs and use more varied sentence structures to maintain reader interest. Additionally, consider focusing on describing the sensory experiences one might have in Japan—the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures—rather than just stating facts. When discussing Nintendo, try to evoke the magic and excitement through

more descriptive language rather than listing activities. Your passion for Japan shines through, but more attention to creating a vivid sensory experience would strengthen your writing significantly.

Score: 36/50

Section 2:

My favourite place in the world would surely be Japan, a country that I have never been to before ~~which is~~ [, which is] not only why I am interested in Japan. In the following paragraphs I will tell you why ~~I-my~~ [my] favourite place would be Japan other than that I have never been to Japan before.

First of all, there are definitely lots of good food from Japan. Take sushi for example. Who does not like sushi? ~~They're are~~ [There are] other good foods from Japan such as ramen, Japanese tofu which is round, not shaped like a rectangular tofu, Japanese curry (Katsu curry), soba (wheat noodles) and so much more good food that Japan makes. This is one important reason why I am interested in Japan.

My second reason is that ~~there is a~~ [a] new Nintendo is [park is] opening this year. There will be all sorts of fun there ~~and there will be fun~~. You can enter in and out of pipes, sit on rides, take photos, eat food, meet Mario and Luigi, get some stuff related to Nintendo, and so much more ~~things that is~~ [things that are] fun. This is definitely why ~~that~~ there is no better place on Earth than Japan.

Last, but not least, there are so many fun facts ~~on~~ [about] Japan. For example, it is the eleventh most populated place on Earth- more than Australia, who is ~~forty-four~~ [forty-four] more ranks after Japan – ~~fifty-fifth~~ [fifty-fifth]! The traditional Christmas meal in Japan is KFC. There is a Rabbit Island. The numbers four and nine are unlucky, while three and five are lucky. There are three capital cities. Japan is made ~~out of~~ [up of] around fourteen thousand separate islands. Most cities have free WiFi that is public. The most popular sport is baseball. There are one hundred and ten active ~~islands~~ [volcanoes]. The world's oldest company is in Japan. There are so many more facts, but I cannot tell you all because Japan is so interesting.